

COKE PRICES ARE ON THE JUMP; \$3.00 COKE PREDICTED IN 1910.

First Class Furnace Product Is Now Selling From \$2.60 to \$2.70 and Foundry From \$2.85 to \$3.00.

A GREAT FORWARD MOVEMENT

An Ample Car Supply, Movement Prompt, Money Easy and Prices Good With Every Sign of Advancing Encourages Operators.

PRODUCTION.

For the week ending Saturday, September 11, 1909.

Districts.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
C. C. C. ...	24,553	20,928	3,618	273,027
L. C. C. ...	14,004	11,780	2,274	151,511
Totals ...	38,558	32,708	5,891	424,538

MANUFACTURED.

By For

Districts.	Consumer.	Market.
C. C. C.	230,545	42,512
L. C. C.	53,090	97,521
Totals	284,635	140,033

Previous Week.

Districts.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
C. C. C. ...	24,553	20,928	3,618	272,224
L. C. C. ...	14,004	11,552	2,151	149,085
Totals ...	38,558	32,474	6,984	421,320

MANUFACTURED.

Districts.	Consumer.	Market.
C. C. C.	230,077	41,277
L. C. C.	53,440	95,628
Totals	284,517	136,905

SHIPMENTS.

Aggregate from both regions in cars for the week ending September 12, 1909.

City.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Pittsburg.	5,221	5,221	7,000
West of Pittsburg.	5,497	5,497	7,000
East of Connellsville.	518	518	518
Total	13,541	13,541	14,520

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City.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Pittsburg.	5,221	5,221	7,000
West of Pittsburg.	5,497	5,497	7,000
East of Connellsville.	861	861	861
Total	13,578	13,578	14,568

(For complete tables of ovens in blast in both regions see pages 2 and 3.)

Another forward movement took place last week, and every condition is most promising and encouraging, bringing about much enthusiasm among the coke producers of the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville districts, and even extending to other regions. The coke trade appears to have discontinued in dealing in futures and hopefulness and is now dealing in the actual sales and receiving real money at the present.

The aggregate production in both regions made a gain of 3,248 tons over the previous week, when the production was 421,320 tons, while showing a slight falling off in cars, though perhaps not in tons.

George B. Irvin, Secretary of the Coke Producers' Association, in his weekly report, says:

"Our reports show, at the close of last week, 32,828 of the 38,558 ovens in blast, and the average of 800 ovens operating. The net increase in active ovens over the preceding week was 205, a gain of 7-10 of one per cent. The estimated production of these ovens was 417,491 tons, as compared with 412,202 tons the week before."

The production for the week is less than the previous week, but the ovens are due to the labor shortage causing a number of plants to operate to some extent, irregularly. Ovens are lost due to reason of not getting sufficient coal to charge them.

Ovens aggregating more than 100 were dropped out, four plants last week due to a lack of labor. These will be re-fired and additional ovens put in as fast as miners can be obtained.

The Gilmore Coke Company, 101 ovens, resumed during the week, and additional ovens were put in by the Union Central Coke Company, Sackett Coke Company, Consolidated Connellsville Coke Company, South Fayette Coke Company, Orient Coke Company, Thompson-Connellsville Coke Company, and Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Company.

Prices are firm and advancing almost daily. One week two large sales were \$1.25 and the other \$1.40 per ton. Yesterday sales were made by two concerns for large tonnages of furnace coke, netting the producer \$2.65 per ton ovens.

In addition to the lack of labor a winter shortage at plants getting their supply from surface streams is imminent as the streams are getting very low.

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According to the reports we have the coke producers are now operating nearly 90% ovens belonging to furnace interests, 79.5% the independent ovens 77.5%, a general average of 80% of all the ovens are now making coke. Of the idle ovens (5,314) in the region a number are in districts making a lower grade coke, such that in the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville districts proper.

Information that the Stewart Iron Company will soon blow in its furnace at Sharon and that the ovens at Stewart will resume again this week has been received.

No information of furnace operations or changes except in the Pittsburg district has been received. The furnaces of the Clinton Iron & Steel Company, and that of the Kittanning Iron & Steel Company, are now in blast, leaving but two of the 62 stacks in that district now idle.

THE DAVIS COLLIERIES AFTER OHIO TRADE

Big West Virginia Corporation Endeavors to Gobble Up Coal Trade of Buckeye State.

One of the biggest of the West Virginia coal companies has actively entered the Central Ohio selling field, and opened an office at Columbus, from which all Ohio territory will be covered. The corporation is the Davis collieries, owned by United States Senator Stephen B. Elkins and former Senator Henry Gassaway Davis of West Virginia. Maury Robinson, lately of the Chesapeake & Ohio Coal Company of Cincinnati, will have charge of the office and direct the campaign to endeavor to monopolize the Ohio trade.

WEST VIRGINIA DEAL SEEKS ON.

Interests Friendly to Virginia Want Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Co.

RODGERS ROAD HAS SURVEYED

A Preliminary Route From Rock, on Main Line, to Pocahontas—Already Broken Into Chesapeake & Ohio Fields.

Those who claim to be on the inside of the West Virginia coal situation are of the opinion that there is a big deal for the control of the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Company by interests friendly to the Virginia railroad. Operators who were in Bluefield Saturday were talking over the matter. The report is current, and the operators interviewed incline to the belief that there is some foundation in fact for the story, says a special from there.

The main basis of the report exists in the fact that the Virginian has made a preliminary survey from Rock, on the main line, to Pocahontas. Some time ago it was reported that permanent work had been started on the branch, but it is understood now that nothing beyond the preliminary work has been done. It is known, however, that this survey has been made, and under the supposed existing conditions, it is argued that it would be impracticable for the Virginian to build a road into Pocahontas and attempt to secure haulage in the enemy's territory. If the road is built, and it is not thought that the Virginian backed by the substantial management that it is, would throw way money on useless surveys unless it meant business. Where is its tonnage to come from unless friendly interests acquire coal mines? This has left color to the report.

There is an abundant supply of water, the car supply is excellent, the movement of cars prompt, money is easy, the prices are good with every indication of advancing, the mines are in splendid condition, operators enthusiastic and ready for hard work. With improved labor conditions, there seems to be nothing in the way of a long and prosperous season of the coke industry.

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Tipple Has Been Removed.

The tipple and bins of the Q. Marietta Coal Company, at the Borough limits, where the operations have been ended for some time, were dismantled and torn down this week.

BUSINESS GROWS IN MANY LINES

Approach of Fall Brings Pleasing Prospects for the Merchants.

COKE TRADE IS GROWING

Operators Placing in Blast Additional Ovens Each Week is Easier and the Merchants Are Doing Better Business—Industrial Notes.

A LARGE DECREASE IN PRODUCTION OF COAL

Amount Mined in West Virginia Last Year Less by Five Million Tons, With Coke Corresponding.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 10.—Coal production in West Virginia fell off more than 5,500,000 gross tons in 1908, as compared with the figures of 1907, according to the statistics just compiled by Chief Laing, of the Department of Mines, made public today.

The tonnage produced in 1908 was 27,361,590, while that of 1907 was 12,938,912. The net tonnage, based on the 2,000-pound ton for 1907, was 48,091,582, and for 1908 41,845,317.

These figures vary slightly from those given out recently by the Federal government. A corresponding decrease was noted in the production of coke.

WIDESPREAD MINING INSTITUTE CAMPAIGN OPENS NEXT MONTH.

Improved Conditions Augur Well for This Social and Educational Feature of the Bituminous Region.

PAID TOO MUCH.

Coke Company Says Contractors Got Too Much Money.

The Uni-Connellsville Coal & Coke Company, owning the plant on the Joseph Eaton farm, south of Latrobe, has entered suit against Dorf & Dalton, contractors, the builders of the plant, to recover the sum of \$2,221,57, claiming that the sum represents an overpayment on the construction of 89 coke ovens and 5,400 feet of siding at the plant. The papers in the case were filed yesterday. Mr. Dalton, one of the members of the former company is now the proprietor of the Hotel Dalton, at Youngstown.

The Y. M. C. A. educational department in the Bituminous region begins this month the greatest campaign that they have ever made, in order to increase the efficiency of the miners of all nationalities, and further to provide for the foreign element a means of gaining an education that will be in direct proportion to their ambition to get ahead in the country where they have chosen to gain their livelihood.

These benefits are attained by mining institutes that meet in the Y. M. C. A. rooms and by classes that are held there. Operators and mine and store managers are greatly interested in this phase of the question of helping along the workers. They recognize that with more education and religious teaching which is a part but not the only thrust forward in the Y. M. C. A., the working population will be greatly improved in efficiency and will amalgamate more quickly and smoothly with existing conditions.

Locally the campaign will open at Scottdale on Saturday evening, October 2, when the Mining Institute of the Eleventh Bituminous district will hold its first session for the year.

Greensburg, Monongahela and Brownsville also have active institutes that will be in operation during the year.

William Duncan, a veteran mine superintendent of Alverton and one of the examiners for fire boss and mine foremen, will read a paper on the question of "Explosives" which is agitating the mining world at the present time and promises to agitate it further during the year. For two years the mining institute has been a factor of the Y. M. C. A. at Scottdale, in connection with educational classes that are being held there. There has been a large attendance at these institutes, of which Joseph L. Robbins, for a quarter of a century the superintendent of the Franklin works at Owendale, is the President, while Walter H. Glascow, clerk for General Superintendent W. H. C. Frick Coke Company is the Secretary. The Scottdale Institute is preparing for an active campaign.

C. L. Fay of Greensburg is at the head of the Y. M. C. A. in the Bituminous region and prophesies that never before in the history of mining will there be such a stirring up of the educational interest among those engaged in mining and its kindred interests in the Bituminous region as the coming year. He reasons that having gained a good start in the years that the plan has been in working operation, and after having gone through such a dull year as the past one, the one now so actively opened with more money in the hands of both operators and workers they will both contribute liberally to improving their condition. He has found in his investigations that the people in the mining industry are ambitious, that they are quick to grasp opportunity to improve their condition, and that the mining institute idea has been a most successful one from every point of view. The campaign will begin this month and will be carried out aggressively and to a larger area than ever before.

A NEW COKE COMPANY IN PERRY TOWNSHIP

Connellsville Men Sell Uniontown, Dunbar and Philadelphia People Banning Coal for \$100,000.

Enoch Abraham of Uniontown, Robert Gilmore of Dunbar and Elias Wineman of Philadelphia are the promoters of a new coke company, which will probably be called the Banning-Connellsville Coke Company, and application will soon be made for a charter. They will build 100 ovens and develop a tract of coal in Perry township, the property involved being the estate of the late Anthony Banning, in which there are two tracts, one of 25 acres and the other of 224 acres.

In the Orphans' Court of Fayette County the transfer of this land and 85 acres of land from the heirs, through the executors, Elias Banning, James and Thomas Banning, the latter of whom did not serve, to Cyrus Echard and James Guyan of Connellsville, was confirmed.

Mr. Banning's will stipulated that the property should not be sold for less than \$60,000, but the Connellsville men bought it for \$50,000. Abraham, Gil

NEWSY NOTES OF
COAL AND COKE.

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Major W. A. Magee of Pittsburg says that the campaign of education against the smoke nuisance in that city has lasted long enough, and that firms whose stocks continue the nuisance should be compelled to abate it, if they will not do so willingly.

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The Jeannette Machine Company of Jeannette, has been incorporated with John Bennett as President, and a capital of \$12,000.

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The price of coal will be raised by the coal producing companies 10 cents and in turn will have to be raised by the retailer whose winter price is at the present time high enough. The ten cent increase is to be in line with the usual summer plan to cut in prices 50 per cent below the listed price on April first and then gradually increase the price so that by September first the regular winter rate is restored.

The Haws Coal Company, at Hollsopple, Pa., will double its output in the next few months. It now employs 90 men, and sends out 300 tons a day. Double the number of men will

be hired and the output will be made 900 tons. The Lincoln Coal Company at Nanticoke will also increase its output. It has secured options on 100 acres of adjoining territory and will endeavor to get the mining right to 700 acres.

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LIST OF COKE OVENS IN
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With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to
Saturday, Sept. 11, 1908.

Total Ovens.	In Blast.	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. O. Address.
40	10	Alash.	Adah Coke Company.	Uniteown.
32	32	Arlie.	Emile & Wilke Coke Co.	Uniteown.
13	13	Armen.	John R. Gossberg.	Uniteown.
100	100	Baxter Ridge.	Baylor Bros. Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
470	470	Bellport.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
26	26	Belle.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
45	136	Brownville.	Brownsville Coke Co.	Brownsville.
31	31	Buck.	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
40	40	Centur.	Champion Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville.
500	500	Coffman.	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniteown.
10	10	Colonial No. 1.	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
300	300	Colonial No. 4.	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
110	110	Corrville.	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
125	125	Crest.	Col. Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
250	250	Death.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
152	152	Donald No. 1.	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniteown.
240	240	Donald No. 2.	Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniteown.
50	50	Dorothy.	Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniteown.
44	44	D. Connellsville.	Jacobs Creek Coke Co.	Jacobs Creek.
12	12	Dobson.	Ex. Connellsville Coal & Coke Co.	Jacobs Creek.
140	140	D. Elmer.	Ed. Frick Coke Co.	Uniteown.
50	50	Emery.	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniteown.
20	20	Frank.	Struthers Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
16	16	Finley.	Fr. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
400	400	Fondale.	Sunshine Coke & Coke Co.	Connellsville.
60	60	Franke.	Franklin Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
51	51	Garswood.	Garswood Coke & Coke Co.	Connellsville.
55	55	Gersme.	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
450	450	G. H. No. 1 & 2.	G. H. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
10	10	G. H. No. 3.	G. H. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
10	10	G. H. No. 4.	G. H. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
10	10	G. H. No. 5.	G. H. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
10	10	G. H. No. 6.	G. H. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
10	10	G. H. No. 7.	G. H. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
10	10	G. H. No. 8.	G. H. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
10	10	G. H. No. 9.	G. H. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
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THURSDAY MORNING, SEPT 6/09

Looking Backward.

News of the Past Com-

piled from the Files of The Courier

Week Ending Friday, Sept 14, 1878.

H. C. Frick Coke Company have their 101 coke ovens in full blast at Valley making 1 to 15 car loads of coke a day but eastern cars are scarce.

J. A. Stevenson has bought the Mt. Pleasant Dawn.

R. E. Field, chief of the Cambria Iron Company's engineers is laying out a coke town on the addition to Morellsville.

The Borough debt is \$10,000.

The Methodist Protestant Conference appoints A. D. Brown pastor of Connellsville and J. H. Dickinson, pastor of the Connellsville circuit.

The coke companies have

nearly completed their foundry.

George Brashears, an old resident died suddenly at the Giles house.

Week Ending Friday, Sept 5, 1889.

The big iron works of Phillips, Nodick & Company of Pittsburgh are hampered for room and the firm is considering location on the old steel mill property which it owns here.

The Council is instructed to have glass globes placed on the street gas lamps.

The cokers were great celebrators of Labor Day at all the towns hereabouts.

There is no change in the coke strike. W. H. Rawley is expected to sign the scale next week.

Small coke operators are circulating a merger to combine 2,000 ovens in a merger to control their trade.

Coke trade takes a boom and price jumps to \$1.

Connellsville schools opened with an enrollment of 9,000 pupils an increase of 60 over last year.

Week Ending Friday, Sept 5, 1890.

The Council has no water franchise, and the contract for grading Gallatin Avenue is let to Buttermore & Gray.

Capt. H. A. Crow and members of Company D attended the funeral of Colonel A. L. Hawkin, commander of the tenth regiment at Washington, Pa., Friday.

A heavy train runs into the rear of the Cumberland Accommodation at the B. & O. station and several people are injured.

At the Fayette street railroad crossing where a Banker's P. Day was killed in July, Mr. F. V. Dusen of Union town was struck by a train and thrown into the ditch, badly hurt.

Mrs. Mary Holliday of Broad Ford, intoxicated is in the hospital, having been struck by a train.

A shortage of cars is the only thing hampering the coke trade, a total of 19,117 coke ovens in the region with 18,000 in blast and 1,010 inactive.

WEST VIRGINIA'S UNWISE CONSERVATION.

It seems that the West Virginia proposition to conserve its natural gas resources by taxing exports of the same to which plan as generally stated The Courier found serious Constitutional objections has resolved it self into the less objectionable and more equitable plan of levying a tax on natural gas production with no regard to its eventual market, the seeking to restrain the latter by legislation regulating pump pressure that will prevent its shipment without the State.

A general tax on natural gas production sounds proper and equitable, but closer scrutiny develops the tax that it is an inequitable tax on a special industry which like the proposed tax on Pennsylvania's coal production and all similar in of taxation is really a tax upon the consumer.

But the individual benefit is so infinitesimal as compared with the individual cost that the West Virginia consumer will probably fall to see where his net personal gain comes in. He will be apt to regard himself as being in the Pennsylvania-punished class and this estimate will not be far from accurate.

The other alternative to regulate the pumping pressure is open to the same objection entered against the proposition to tax export gas alone.

Notwithstanding an alleged court decision this proposition is a violation of the spirit of the Constitution. Its object is confessively the prevention of the shipment of natural gas without the State. If West Virginia in the exercise of its police power has the right to prevent by any device whatever natural gas companies operating within the State from selling their product beyond the boundaries of the State it has the right to forbid the sale outside of the State of its natural resources of every character.

West Virginia is glad to sell its products in other sections of the country. What could its coal and coke operators, its oil drillers and its lumbermen say if it were proposed to limit their market to West Virginia?

It's a poor rule that does not work both ways'

THE PASSING OF THE WALL STREET WIZARD.

The career of Edward Henry Harriman was meteoric, magnificent, was terful, memorable yet the man was modest and methodical in his person ality. He rose from obscurity to a position which obscured almost everybody else. From a pugnacious broker he became a railroad colossus from a poverty stricken church mouse he became a wizard of wealth, with no as sets but an iron will, a restless energy and an uncanny foresight, he piled up millions of dollars, and became the controlling factor in the direction of billions more.

His career is another striking example of the opportunities this country affords for the fittest and it is unfortunately also another example how suddenly one how completely the human machine sometimes collapses under the persistent overtaxing of its powers of endurance. There are however many men who feel that there would be no pleasure in life if their minds were not busy with the problems of business. Perhaps they would find out differently if they tried but they seldom or never try. They work reversibly and furiously on until the thread of life snaps in twain as it has done in Harriman's case, or the machinery of the system becomes worn out in spots leaving nothing but a few jerky and impotent movements to herald the final stop.

At the age of 50 men should consider the advisability of slowing down and if they are possessed of great wealth they will be happier and longer lived if they seek means of disposing creditably of some of their surplus hundred hospitals and homes before giving \$7,000,000 yearly to the school districts and \$1,000,000 yearly to universities and other educational institutions to say nothing of large sums expended for other useful purposes those remain whence resources to pay off the entire State debt if it were possible to call in the bonds but the have not yet matured.

Harriman was not a great builder of railroads in the sense that he planned such a record. As a matter of fact barring the State (a not small Pennsylvania's public affairs have been intelligently and honestly administered when under Republican control)

have an organization which is supposed to be the result of the mutual welfare of the community. It should be up and down, or golden opportunities will be thrown away.

Greene county has been waiting for a modern standard gauge railway for years but it has not come because the community of railroad interest which does not approve of opening up new field territory until there seems to be a tangible and insistent demand thereon has been waiting for the propitious moment.

This feeling has kept the Greene count coal held in an undeveloped state but just as soon as the owners of the coal in Greene county, or any considerable number of them indicate their purpose to develop and operate their coal holdings, and if necessary to build their own line of railway just as soon will the rails of systems of the country rush full bore into the field.

It's only another case of the Lord helping those who try to help him selves.

PENNSYLVANIA

FREE OF DEBT.

Senator La Follette of Wisconsin recently charged that the Republican Machine had bankrupted the State of Pennsylvania. This of course is not the only mistake the little Wisconsin insolvent Senator has ever made but the probably never made a more glaring misstatement.

In his address before the State Bankers Association on State Treasury Shultz stated that after raising enough revenue to conduct the business of the Commonwealth after granting liberal assistance to several hundred hospitals and homes before giving \$7,000,000 yearly to the school districts and \$1,000,000 yearly to universities and other educational institutions to say nothing of large sums expended for other useful purposes those remain whence resources to pay off the entire State debt if it were possible to call in the bonds but the have not yet matured.

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Home merchants complain however that there has not been much increase in their business. The explanation is that the workmen have spent their savings and many of them have contracted debts. Until they are out of the hole and on their feet again they will continue to be economical in their purchases. This will be the work of some months but when it is accomplished the boom will be with the Connellsville region merchants again. I may come sooner than anticipated and in that case it won't wait very long.

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smothered to death in committee there should be some more effective manner in which to compel action on the part of committees.

On a smaller scale the same experience prevails in Councilmanic bodies. Business matters of pressing importance referred to committees are the subject of much futile dalliance. The members of the committee have a cheerful habit of neglecting their business unless it is something in which they have a personal interest.

This is not a proper performance of Councilmanic duty. Members of Council should either betray a willingness to attend to the duties of their office or they should resign and let more willing and more able citizens take their places.

We do not refer especially to the Connellsville Council in discussing this public question. The Connellsville Councilmen are no worse than most other Councilmen, and perhaps to better but they should endeavor to be better.

WHY AUTOMOBILES ARE BEING REGULATED.

The collision between an automobile and a man on the brick portion of the National Pike just west of Uniontown is rather disastrous to the automobile and its occupants but it didn't hurt the man.

This bit of the Pike is paved with brick and furnished with a speedway. It is here that the drivers of motor cars love to pull out to the limit and then install. It is evident that the accident is due to the result of reckless driving.

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SURVEY IS STARTED ON NEW STATE ROAD HERE.

Engineers Are Running Lines Along Mt. Pleasant Pike, Which Is to Be Improved.

RUNS TO MURPHY'S SIDING

Through Efforts of Senator W. E. Crow, Mater is Given Prompt Attention by State Highway Department.

Work on the survey of the proposed State road between Connellsville and Mt. Pleasant began this morning when a party of four engineers, F. DeMyer, V. K. Hardy, James B. Millmore and W. W. Preston began running their lines at the borough boundary at the head of Main street. It is believed that as soon as the survey and estimates have been made, the contract will be let for the work.

Efforts are being made at this time to have the survey extended a mile and a quarter beyond the point originally intended. The engineers stated this morning that this would likely be possible. The work to be laid upon reaches to Murphy Siding.

The matter of having the State build a road leading towards Mt. Pleasant was taken up by Rockwell Marietta, J. Melvin Grey and others, who placed it before State Senator W. E. Crow. Mr. Crow used his influence with the State Highway Department to the end that the preliminary survey was ordered with a view to having the road built as soon as possible. It is understood that a brick road will be built instead of the macadamized thoroughfares that have been constructed in other parts of the county. That will be a matter to be determined by the State Highway Department after the survey has been made and estimates prepared.

Connellsville has not received her share of the State road improvements. Only one of the new State roads is within easy reach of the town, that which goes out from Vanderbilts, but all of the approaches to the town are made and estimated prepared. There is considerable travel over the Mt. Pleasant pike, sufficient to warrant its improvement by the State. When completed this will be the only road leading into town that has been improved by the State. The distance between the borough line and Murphy Siding is approximately 2.6 miles.

PHOTOGRAPHERS ELECT OFFICERS

Met Yesterday in Greensburg and Received an Invitation to Attend Banquet in Pittsburgh.

About thirty photographers from Westmoreland and Fayette counties were present at the regular meeting of the Photographers Association of the two counties held Thursday afternoon in Photographer C. C. Kough studio at Greensburg. The following officers for the year were elected: President, R. L. Durban of Latrobe; Vice President, H. J. Springer of Scottdale; Secretary, George Croft of Uniontown, and Treasurer, J. W. Ward of Connellsville. O. C. Henry, representing the photographers of the Pittsburg section, was present and extended an invitation to the photographers to attend a banquet to be held at the Colonial Hotel, Pittsburg, Tuesday, September 23. Photographer Dexter of McKeesport was a guest.

At the close of the meeting the photographers adjourned to the Hotel Rappe, where a banquet was held. The next meeting will be held in Uniontown on the second Thursday in November.

LOVERS 50 YEARS AGO IN PERRYOPOLIS

Bridegroom 77 Years, Bride 72, Parted by Quarrel, Married Before, Now Wed.

Although sweethearts half a century ago, when they lived at Perryopolis, William Cummings, 77 years old, of Leavenworth, Man., and Lizzie Condor, 72 years old, of Little Richmond, Pa., secured a marriage license only Thursday in Pittsburg.

A lovers' quarrel when they were young separated the couple and both afterward married. Cummings, going West, where he accumulated a small fortune as a machinist.

Fifteen years ago Cummings' wife died and some months ago he decided to inquire into the fortune of his first sweetheart. Learning that she was widowed, he wrote to her. After some correspondence they decided to spend their declining years together.

"Too happy to keep their joy to themselves, they told Marriage License Clerk George W. Watson, 'Lizzie and I will be happy in the West,' said the bridegroom, as the couple left the marriage license office.

Fell a Long Distance. A two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Kerr of Monongahela fell on its head from a porch, a distance of 12 feet, and not an injury could be found on the child.

Dash for Freedom.

Frank Stocker and Chester Donaldson, Elizabeth boys who did not want to attend school, ran away Monday and have not been found.

The Chestnut Crop.

Reports from the mountains are to the effect that the chestnut crop will be fair.

DUNBAR POSTOFFICE SAFE DYNAMITED; \$700 IN STAMPS AND MONEY TAKEN.

Four Valuable Registered Letters Are Taken, But Other Mail Addressed to Foreigners Is Left Behind; Left Some Tools in Getaway

DUNBAR, Sept. 11.—Burglars looted the postoffice here this morning and after dynamiting the safe made off with \$700 in money and stamps.

It is believed that the robbery occurred between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning, and that the robbers made their escape on a freight train. The postoffice is located on Bridge street, between the Baltimore & Ohio and the Pennsylvania railroad tracks and this is given as a reason for no one hearing them, four heavy freight trains passing that section about the hour the robbery is believed to have occurred.

The burglars were evidently professionals and had planned the robbery in a systematic manner. They gained admittance to the building through a cellar window and then went up the steps to the postoffice room. They appeared to have come very well prepared and were satisfied with it, or that they were disturbed by some noise and became frightened. They

left the building by the side door.

H. H. Williams, of Greensburg, postoffice inspector, was here bright and early. He would not give out any facts or details about the matter further than to say that the postoffice had been robbed. A rigid investigation of the robbery is going on today, and it is believed that Secret Service agents and detectives will arrive this afternoon to take up the trail.

Postmaster W. C. Smith had no statement to make regarding the robbery. He had taken care to see that the building was well locked up and all the valuable mail, money, stamps and paper were placed in the big safe, which was regarded burglar proof.

The County Detectives arrived early this morning and have been working on the case, but it is believed that the men made their escape to Connellsville on a freight train and are already far away from Dunbar.

DR. BARNES SAVED HIS LIFE.

A Mason, Odd Fellow and Red Man's Testimony.

Mr. James Swoger, South Brownsville, Pa., says: "After I had given up as cured man can be, and all through hope of ever getting better, he treatment, and after others' failures. He saved my life, so why should I not say so, and let people know where they can go to secure relief and cure. I only knew of Doctor Barnes through his advertising in the papers, but this advertising was the means of my present health as it took me to see him. My case had been pronounced Cancer, Ulcer, Abscess, Chronic Sore and Other Ailments, but Dr. Barnes was the only man able to reach it in treatment, and at that he did not positively promise to cure me, but said 'he would do so if it could be done,' and he has kept his word. Anyone who knows me knows how bad I was. Today I am at work and feel as good as any man can or could."

(Signed) JAMES SWOGER, BROWNSVILLE, PA.
Dr. Barnes' office is in the Second National Bank Building, Uniontown. He treats all diseases.

S. S. WORKERS MEET IN OCTOBER

Forty-fifth Annual Convention To Be Held at Harrisburg—Strong Program Prepared.

Unless all signs fail the coming State convention of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association to be held in Harrisburg, October 13, 14 and 15, will far exceed in numbers, interest and enthusiasm, all former meetings of the association. The past year has been one of intense activity along Sunday school lines in every county throughout the State. Statistics recently gathered show marvelous growth in Teacher Training, Home Department Work and Organized Adult Bible Classes. The magazine writer who said that Sunday school work is on the decline certainly did not get his information from Pennsylvania.

The program prepared for the State convention is a strong one and contains the names of Governor Edwin S. Stuart, Bishop James Henry Darlington, Leon John Wauzamak, H. J. Heinz, W. C. Pearce, Chicago; Rev. David James Burrell, D. D., New York; Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, Chicago; Dr. Joseph Clark (Timothy Standiford); Mrs. Zillah Foster Stevens, Akron, Oh.; E. C. Foster, Detroit; Mrs. Maud Junkin Baldwin, Indianapolis; Dave Porter, New York; Prof. E. O. Excell, Chicago; Rev. Floyd Tonkins, Philadelphia, and others.

The special features of the convention will be a half day session for Elementary Grade workers; a Teacher Training Conference, a Home Department Conference, a Temperance Teaching Conference, a Missionary Teaching Conference, and Organized Adult Bible Class Rally Conference and mass meeting, a parade of O. A. B. C. men. Class delegations will come from many sections of the State to participate—5,000 men will be in line, with bands and banners.

All railroads will sell reduced rate tickets. The delegate credentials for Fayette county are issued through A. H. Long, Connellsville, Corresponding Secretary of the county association. Programs for the convention and other printed matter can be obtained by writing to W. G. Landes, General Secretary, 701-2 Witherspoon building, Philadelphia, Pa.

CELEBRATED HER 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Large Number Present at Delightful Social Event in Honor of Mrs. Cox.

In the presence of a large gathering of relatives Mrs. Margaret Cox celebrated her 75th birthday anniversary Thursday at her home at Hickory Square. Mrs. Cox has resided on a farm near Broad Ford practically all her life and is well known throughout Fayette county. Among the guests present was a sister of Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Susan Taylor, who is in her 81 year. A feature of the day was an elegantly appointed dinner served shortly after 12 o'clock.

The guests present were John B. Strickler, a brother of Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Susan Taylor, a sister, Harry and Frank Strickler, nephews, Miss Lorraine McGill, a niece, Mrs. Lydia Hooker of Johnstown, and Miss Jean Dell Bush, Harry C. Bush, Evelyn Bush, Jessie C. Bush and Louella Bush, all of Pittsburg, and grand children of Mrs. Cox.

Johnson Postoffice Robbed.

SOMERSET, Sept. 10.—Unknown robbers entered the postoffice at Johnson, blew the safe and stole \$100 in stamps and \$125 in cash, besides letters said to have contained money. Torn envelopes were found under nearly trees indicating the burglars rifled the mail just after leaving the building.

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SUDDEN DEATH OF VETERAN TEACHER.

Albert H. Smith, Widely Known in Fayette County Answers Call.

TAUGHT SCHOOL YESTERDAY

Was For Several Years Connected With the Frick Coke Company at Davidson and Trotter—Teaching in Menallen Township When Stricken.

Albert H. Smith, aged about 60 years, a veteran school teacher and a former well known employee of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, died suddenly Friday morning at 1 o'clock at his boarding house in Menallen township, in which township he was engaged in teaching school. Mrs. Smith received a telegram this morning informing her of her husband's death. Mr. Smith left home Sunday afternoon for Menallen township in apparently good health. He taught school yesterday and was taken ill suddenly during the night. Heart trouble was the cause of his death.

The news of his death came as a great shock to the members of his family as well as his many friends throughout Fayette county. He seemed to enjoy excellent health and was seldom off duty on account of sickness. He was expected to arrive home this evening to spend Saturday and Sunday with his family.

Mr. Smith was born and reared in the vicinity of Uniontown and had been engaged in school teaching for about 32 years. He was married to Miss Mary Ellen Nixon also of near Uniontown. After teaching school for thirty years he gave up the profession to become bookkeeper for the H. C. Frick Coke Company at Trotter where he remained for about two years. He then accepted a position as pay roll clerk for the same company at Davidson. To be near his work he moved his family from Trotter to Connellsville. About two years ago he resigned on his position at Davidson to take up the profession of school teaching again. Last year he taught in Jumbar township and was this year elected teacher in the Menallen township schools. Mr. Smith was a remarkably bright man and was held in high esteem by his many friends. He was known as a writer by his many poems which were published in various magazines and newspapers. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Connellsville. His widow and the following children survive: Charles, a member of the High School faculty of McKeesport; Walter, a prominent merchant of Findleyville, O.; Willard, Union Supply Company store manager at Orient; Mrs. George Hensel of Gray's Landing, and Presley Smith at home.

MISS CRAFT ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT

Miss Zelser Resigned at Hospital and Trustees Selected Former Superintendent.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cottage State Hospital held Thursday afternoon the resignation of Miss Catherine Zelser as superintendent was accepted and Miss Nabel Craft, a former superintendent, was elected to fill the vacancy. Miss Zelser will leave for her former home at Mespoeck October 1.

Since her resignation several years ago Miss Craft with her mother has been located in the West, the trip having been made for the benefit of the latter's health. Miss Craft returned to Connellsville a few weeks ago. James McSpadden of Rockwood and Dr. J. B. Ewing of Uniontown were out of town trustees present.

Preacher Factories Resume.

Active preparations are being made for the opening of the three theological seminaries on the North Side, Pittsburgh. The Western Theological Seminary will open September 17, Allegheny Theological Seminary on the 22nd and the Reformed Theological Seminary on the 21st.

A Monessen Bankrupt.

A petition in involuntary bankruptcy was filed by T. C. Jenkins Company of Pittsburg, and others, against Joseph Josofsky, a merchant of Monessen with claims amounting to \$691.16.

May Be Arrested.

County authorities have several alleged cocaine sellers under surveillance and arrests may follow.

THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITHS.

Swindler Caught Them Under Spreading Chestnut Tree.

Many blacksmiths in the vicinity of Irwin were bunkered out of \$1 each by a stranger who represented himself to be a solicitor for a trade paper published in New York. The subscription was \$1, and as a premium 100 buttons bearing a photograph of a blacksmith were to be furnished.

AUTOMOBILE PARTY HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Wallace Miller of Uniontown Gets on Undersigned Section of Road and Gets a Spill.

SOMERSET, Sept. 9.—An automobile party returning to Uniontown from Somerset had an almost miraculous escape from death or serious injury on Tuesday evening. In turning to allow a team to pass the car ran upon an unguarded section of the road near the edge. The car was unable to support the weight of the car and subsided, allowing the car to fall to the bottom of a steep embankment. In its fall the car turned turtle but fortunately caught on a stump, allowing the occupants to escape from beneath it uninjured. Assistance was summoned and with the aid of derricks and horses the car was righted. It was found to be uninjured, with the exception of a few scars and minor damage. The accident took place near Shanksville.

The car was owned by Wallace Miller of Uniontown, who together with his father, Daniel S. Miller, and his brothers and sisters, Miss Bertha Kell of Pittsburg, Miss Emily Miller of Somersett, and Jacob D. Miller of Pittsburg, composed the party.

M. D. Citehfield of New Centre ville is lying in a critical condition at his home and his recovery is doubtful. Several days ago as he was cutting wood near his home the blade of his axe flew off, striking him in the stomach and inflicting a serious wound. Spectators from Pittsburg have been attending him and an operation was performed.

Mrs. Minnie Shaulis, wife of Cyrus Shaulis, died recently at her home south of Somerset aged 50 years. She was born in Germany and was a daughter of the late Ludwig Bräuer. She is survived by her husband and three sons, Cyrus, Harvey and Frank. Interment took place on Wednesday in the Lutheran Cemetery, the Rev. L. Hess Wagner, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, officiating.

Kate Fox, an aged and well known resident of Somerset township, died recently at her home near Pleasant Hill from paralysis, aged 86 years. Interment took place in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

TRUNK OF DYNAMITE FOUND AT STATION

Enough Explosive Discovered By Baggage Master at Greensburg to Blow Up a Train.

GREENSBURG, Sept. 10.—Dynamite enough to blow a railroad train to pieces was discovered by Baggage Master Henry at the Pennsylvania railroad station here last night.

A trunk containing the explosive was detected just before the train left for Uniontown. It had been shipped from Donohoe station. A peculiar sound as the trunk was being moved about excited the curiosity of the baggage master and he opened the trunk. The owner, Michael Mater, a miner, was arrested and committed to jail for trial.

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SEPTEMBER TERM CONCLUDED FRIDAY.

Petit Jury Is Discharged Before the Grand Jury.

"PET" MARIETTA FOUND GUILTY

Grand Jury Acted Upon 115 Cases and Found 77 True Bills—Coroner Harry Bell Submits Report For Three Months.

UNIONTOWN, Sept. 11.—The September term of court was closed yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock and the jurors were thanked by the court for the earnest manner in which they had attended to their duties and the prompt way in which they disposed of the business to come before the court. The petit jury was discharged owing to the fact that the Grand Jury had a number of road views to act upon.

One Grand Jury was returned in Judge J. C. Van Swearingen's court, Theodore Marlett of Fairchance, being convicted of assault and battery on a charge preferred by J. Levy a Connellsville merchant. Raymond Higginson was also arrested and a trial bill found against him for the same offense on charges preferred by Mr. Levy but the jury acquitted him.

In the small court room Annie Kerr was acquitted on a charge of assault and battery, but the jury placed the costs on the defendant. Robert Swearingen was acquitted of a charge of larceny by Miesel Hook.

The petition acted upon by the Grand Jury in the matter of county bridge in the borough of Dunbar was dismissed, as was also the petition for a bridge over York Run. The Grand Jury did not believe the county should pay the expense of building such bridges.

The Grand Jury returns showed that the number of bills acted upon during the term of September criminal court totaled 115. Of these 77 true bills had been returned and 30 ignored. Two bridge views had also been acted upon.

WEEK OF COURT ENDS WITH SENTENCES BEING HANDED DOWN.

Two Surety of the Peace Cases Are Also Heard by Judge Van Swearingen This Morning.

ONE "AFFINITY" GOES FREE

He Was Charged With Making Threats Against Husband, Who Goes to Jail to Settle Costs—Other News of the Courts.

UNIONTOWN, Sept. 11.—Court wound up for the week this morning with numerous matters being disposed of, including several sentences and a pair of surety of the peace cases. The sentences were, for the most part, light, a three year dose to the penitentiary being the worst.

William Neal, the negro who slashed Constable Jacob Churns, got the penitentiary trip, preferring the Riverside institution to the workhouse and the court obliged him to that extent.

Charles Holland, aged 18, who was convicted of taking \$60 from Frank David, was sent to Huntingdon reformatory. June Fell, prosecutor in a petty larceny charge, will do time in jail until she can arrange the matter of settling the costs. Peter Smith of Point Marion, who made threats and pointed firearms, will pay the costs but sentence was suspended. He was advised to leave Pt. Marion. Edward Jones was not sentenced as he has an application for a new trial pending.

Judge Van Swearingen presided over the surety of the peace hearings this morning, which were somewhat humorous. Lottie Ford was the first to appear. She prosecuted Cora Brown. Both reside in Coon Hollow. It is said that Cora became wild when several neighbors laughed the time a chain slipped and caused her to slide to the floor with clothes higher than they are supposed to come.

When questioned by Attorney Lee Smith why she laughed, Lottie asked him if he wouldn't laugh, too, under similar circumstances. The court decided there wasn't sufficient evidence against Cora to warrant holding her but the costs were divided and both women went to jail until they can settle.

Moses Hopkins was accused of making threats against the life of William Walker, but he was discharged and Walker sent to jail until the matter of costs can be arranged. Walker says he learned Hopkins was his wife's "affinity" and just went around to see what he looked like. The visit was not welcomed by Hopkins, who advised William to disappear unless he wanted to be hauled away in the dead wagon.

In the case of the Brownsburg road supervisors who were charged with sundry infractions of the law, they were directed to pay back any money that they had illegally collected and advised to follow the law more closely in the future.

The Jeannette Glass Company has applied for a dissolution of partnership. The concern desires to operate under a State charter.

UNIONTOWN, Sept. 13.—Three big suits were entered in court this morning, the Struthers Coal & Coke Company being the largest claimants. The firm seeks to recover \$4,378.15 and \$2,177.55 from Patrick and John Reagan, contractors. The plain man claims the Reagans failed to build 160 coke ovens in proper shape, while damages amounting to \$2,177.55 are also asked.

Albert Gaddis and D. E. Mitchell want \$2,000 from R. W. Brownfield as the balance on 100 acres of coal in Monroe county, Ohio. The plaintiffs secured the coal for the defendant, who has failed, they claim to settle for the property.

George Joseph has entered suit against Frank Kruse and Mike Duvala to recover \$115 he had deposited in the defendants' bank at New Salem. Some weeks ago Kruse disappeared with \$4,600 belonging to the bank and Saturday County Detective Alex McBeth made information against him charging embezzlement. Three new divorce actions were started today. William R. Ritchey of Smithfield wants the bond being him to Minnie M. Ritchey broken on the grounds of desertion. They were married on Thanksgiving Day, 1905. Daisy Green Hunter accuses George Hunter of cruel treatment and wants a divorce. She lives in Unifontown. Joseph T. Murphy sues Mary Murphy for divorce on the grounds of desertion.

UNIONTOWN, Sept. 14.—Arguments were taken up this morning in the matter of incorporating South Connellsville into a borough, but only brief progress was made. After hearing two witnesses the hearing was adjourned until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

E. L. Boyd and George S. Blackstone were the witnesses examined. They appeared in behalf of those who filed exceptions to incorporation. Their argument was that the proposed borough covered too much territory and that the school district of the township would suffer. Of the 16 rooms in the township, 10 would be included within the lines of the new borough. They further testified that too large a percentage of taxable valuation would be included.

Frank Pierce was then called, but before he could be sworn an adjournment was taken. E. C. Highen ap-

FOR FREE BRIDGE.

Suterville Board of Trade Working Hard on Project

WEST NEWTON, Sept. 13.—The Board of Trade of Suterville, which has officially taken up the matter of freeing the Yough bridge at that place, is meeting with success at every move, and the citizens of both counties in the townships surrounding Suterville are in high glee over the prospects.

In an interview with Holmes Kelly, an active member of the Suterville Board of Trade, and one of the originators to free the structure, it was stated that a petition containing the names of the most influential citizens in the community had already been forwarded to the judges of the two counties, and that larger petitions will later be forwarded to the commissioners of Westmoreland and Allegheny counties.

Attorneys Marker & Hollingsworth, of Greensburg, and Attorney Fred W. Scott of Pittsburgh, are looking after the legal end of the question.

In the movement the action of the Suterville Board of Trade has received the endorsement of the McKeesport Chamber of Commerce, and the aid of the West Newton Board will be solicited.

The exorbitant rates of toll demanded by the bridge company are a hardship to many people in the valley who do their trading in Suterville and Douglas, and as a consequence of the advance the business of the two places is seriously affected.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF TRINITY LUTHERAN

It Will Be Fittingly Celebrated Next Sunday by the Congregation.

The celebration of the founding of the Trinity Lutheran Church will be celebrated next Sunday by the congregation. The church is being decorated for the occasion, special programs have been prepared and a gala day is anticipated. The Sunday school program provides orchestral music and a grand rally of all pupils and ex-pupils with short talks by the seven ex-superintendents now living in Connellsville. L. W. Wolfe will tell of the first English Sunday school work that was done in the German Church; B. F. Boys will tell of the Sunday school that was started in the Goodwill Building on North Pittsburg street; D. K. Arndt will tell of the removal of the Sunday school to the opera house and Newcomer's hall, and then to the church while D. R. Smeich, C. W. Hays, Albert S. Strook and Eugene R. Floto will each have a short talk on their respective administrations.

The special anniversary sermon will be preached by the pastor, Rev. Ellis B. Burgess, on Sunday evening, when a short musical program will also be furnished.

Trinity Church was organized by Rev. J. F. Shearer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Somerset, September 16, 1884, and it was in honor of that church, the name Trinity was given. It held its services in rented halls for two years when it moved to the finished Sunday school room of the property on East Apple street. The charter membership of the church was nine, but it has enjoyed a remarkable development during the past years and now numbers 620. The Sunday school is thoroughly graded along modern lines and promotion day is regularly observed on the first Sunday of December each year. The holy communion will be observed in connection with the anniversary on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Young Men Before Squire Clark Promise To Be Good and Pay the Costs.

CREATED DISTURBANCE IN BULLSKIN CHURCH

For creating a disturbance at the Moore Memorial Church in Bullskin township two days ago, Henry Hauppleham, Fred Mansburg and Russell Cook were arraigned before Squire W. P. Clark Saturday night on information made by Walter Huey. There were others in the crowd, but only three names could be secured.

There was not sufficient evidence to warrant holding Mansburg, but the other two were found guilty. Upon agreement with the prosecutor, the young men were permitted to go upon payment of the costs and a promise to behave in the future.

Lay Helpless for Hours. Roman Nagle, a night watchman at the Uniontown plant of the Pittsburgh Brewing Company, fell Saturday night and broke his leg. After laying two hours where he fell he crawled a distance of 200 yards to a point where he attracted the attention of some railroad men.

F. P. Slicker Dead. Frederick P. Slicker, formerly president of the Washington, Pa., council, and a well known young Republican leader of the county, died in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, Friday night. He was born in Pittsburgh in 1866, and went to Washington as a glass worker. He is survived by a wife.

Excursion to Fairmont. An excursion was run on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad to Fairmont Sunday for the benefit of the baseball fans. A good crowd went from Uniontown.

Born, a Baby Boy. A 14 pound baby boy was born on Friday night to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Brant, South Arch street.

Rev. R. E. Cairnes, the new pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, preached to large congregations yesterday morning and evenings. Rev. Cairnes is a native of Jersey and graduated in the spring from Union College, Schenectady, before coming to Connellsville he occupied the Methodist Protestant pulpit at Dubuque, Iowa. Rev. Cairnes succeeds Rev. David Jones.

EDWARD F. ALLEN DIES AT BENCH.

Passed Away From Heart Failure at Crossland Carriage Works.

HE HAD BEEN WELL AS USUAL

Complained of Depressed Feeling About Heart, and Died Before a Doctor Could Reach Him—Com-From Cumberland to Connellsville.

Every physician was out of his office when a telephone message was flashed over town in an attempt to secure medical attention for Edward F. Allen, a carriage maker, who died suddenly in the shops of the Crossland Carriage Company, on the West Side, at 10 o'clock Tuesday. Two physicians, Drs. C. W. Utts and R. S. McKee arrived shortly after the man had breathed his last and pronounced heart failure to be the cause of death.

Mr. Allen, who was about 75 years of age, and had worked in the Crossland shop since he came here from Cumberland, Md., on May 1, 1907, came to work feeling as well as usual. About 10 o'clock he complained of a depressed and painful feeling about his heart and fell in the pile of shavings in front of his work bench. A. S. Haddock, a fellow workman, picked the stricken man up and lay him on his bench hoping that he would revive there, while the office phone was put in action in an endeavor to secure a doctor. The doomed man's body gave a few convulsive shudders and rolled from the bench. When he was put back, he was extinct.

The body was removed from the carriage shop and taken to the undertaking rooms of J. E. Straus, to be prepared for burial. The deceased had lived for many years in Cumberland. He was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities, and had made his home with his only son, R. W. Allen, of Sixth street, West Side. The son had been visiting in Cumberland, where three sisters live, his family having been there for the past week. The deceased was a member of the Contedeviaray, and was a widower, surviving by the son named, and three daughters in Cumberland, who were both of their father's tragic death.

Farmers Will Meet. The monthly meeting of the Union Farmers' Club of Fayette county will be held Saturday, September 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gilchrist, near Unifontown. "Farmers Now and Thirty Years From Now" is the topic of discussion. The program is as follows: "It Then as Much Profit Now as Then," S. W. Dunn; "Is Farming as Well Done and With Less Labor?" J. J. Humpert; "How Many Quarters of Butter Does It Take to Make a Pound of Butter?" J. H. Junk; "Selections will also be read by Mrs. J. H. Junk, D. W. Clement and W. A. Bryson.

Annual Reception For Old Folks. The monthly meeting of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church will be in charge next Saturday.

Invitations have been issued by the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the annual reception for old folks to be held Saturday afternoon in the church. The hours are from 2 until 5 o'clock. Invitations have been issued not only to the old folks of the Methodist Episcopal congregation, but to other denominations as well. Following the usual custom all aged persons not able to walk to the church will be conveyed to and from the church in carriages.

A special program is being prepared for the occasion and the church will be beautifully decorated in fall flowers. Addresses will be delivered by many of the aged folks and following the program supper will be served.

REV. CAIRNES PREACHES HIS FIRST SERMONS

To Large Congregation at the Methodist Protestant Church on Sunday.

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JOHN H. WURZ, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

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JOHN KURTZ, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

E. C. HIGGINS, Director.

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JONES NOT BEFORE GRAND JURY

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of the Case, And an Attachment
Was Issued for a Material Witness.
Other Court News.

UNIONTOWN, Sept. 8.—Justice of the Peace John C. Brownfield of Upper Tyrone township was summoned hurriedly here yesterday afternoon by District Attorney Davis W. Henderson to appear before the Grand Jury in the matter of Joseph Jones, of Everett, charged by Mary Hollis, a girl between 14 and 15 years of age, with assault and battery and assault with intent to ravish.

Jones, the defendant, was not present, nor was Frank Yannick, who testified in the Justice's court to seeing the alleged assault from the West Penn viaduct, where he was standing looking up the B. & O. railroad. The absence of the chief witness, who had been subpoenaed, caused the issuing of an attachment for him. The Justice testified that he saw the girl shortly after the alleged crime, and that her clothing was covered with red ore dust, the attack having been made along the B. & O. railroad tracks above the West Penn viaduct and the bollard being covered with ore dust that had fallen from ore cars being sent to the Scottdale furnace.

The girl alleged that she had been struck in the mouth, and the Justice said that the girl's eye was swollen when she appeared before him. The Grand Jury after hearing the plaintiff and the Justice who had bound Jones over, returned a true bill in each of the two counts. The court desired to go on with the trial, but this was deferred until this morning, on account of the absence of the defendant, who was out on \$500 bond, his surety being George Collins of Everett. When the attachment was issued for Yannick, a material witness, the court announced that the case would come up this morning, whether or not either of the two men were present. Justice Brownfield was instructed to be present again in court today.

The case came before the court this morning, and the Commonwealth presented the girl and Justice of the Peace Brownfield who testified to the condition of the girl when brought before him. The defense was represented by witnesses who testified to Jones' good character. The jury retired at the close of the case, which lasted but a short time.

After deliberation the jury returned a verdict acquitting Jones and placing the costs of the case upon the prosecutor. Jones' friends are greatly pleased over the verdict.

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An enlarged picture of Mr. Keener and also one of his daughter, Emma Scott, are willed to the latter.

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PENNSYLVANIA TAKES MUCH

Draining the State of One of its Natural Resources is Depreciated by The Governor and Will Be Chief Issue in Legislature.

A systematic campaign for either a production tax on natural gas or legislation regulating pump pressure that will prevent its shipment without the State, is being planned by Governor William E. Glasscock of West Virginia and will be made the cardinal policy of his administration.

As the supply of Pennsylvania is obtained mainly from West Virginia a tax on the product would result in an increase of the price for gas wherever a franchise does not stipulate a price, the consumers of gas towns and manufacturers would likely be affected materially.

The Governor revealed his plan in a statement which is the most momentous official utterance he has made since he became Governor. It sounds the slogan for the next Legislature with a slight possibility for consideration at an extra session. The Governor's plan also has the approval of Senator Scott.

In an interview he has the following to say:

"Of chief importance among the legislation I shall favor and urge is the imposition of a production tax on natural gas. I consider that the main issue in West Virginia today Those who are best informed tell me that more than half a million cubic feet of natural gas is being shipped out of West Virginia every day. We are now feeding a large number of pipe lines that reach into Ohio and Pennsylvania cities, while another is projected to Baltimore and another to Cincinnati. It is impossible to obtain accurate figures but I am reliably informed that at least 75 per cent, and probably 90 per cent, of gas produced in West Virginia is pumped out of the State for the use of manufacturers in other States for the convenience of people who live in cities in other States and for the enrichment of capitalists who live in other States and invest their profits in other States. In return for this enormous wealth which is being carried from us the State of West Virginia gets practically nothing in revenue and nothing in benefit from its natural gas. To my mind it is immoral that we should permit this enormous waste of our natural resources to continue without making an effort to get some compensation."

"Two legal courses are open to us. We may either impose a production tax which laid even at a very moderate rate would raise sufficient revenue for the State for all purposes or we could enact legislation limiting the pressure in such a way that gas could not be pumped great distances beyond our borders. This has been tried in Indiana and upheld as a valid exercise of the police power. The second course would not raise revenue but would retain in the State a great proportion of the supply that is now pumped elsewhere, and conserve our resources for our own benefit."

"Within the past few years my attention has been called to the danger of the situation and the vast harm excessive pumping is doing us by the fact that the earlier gas fields have been exhaustively drained of their supply. The town of Morgantown, for instance a few years ago obtained an abundant supply of gas at low rates from her very backdoor. Now high rates must be paid and gas can be obtained only by pumping. Monongalia county has sent billions of cubic feet of gas to Pennsylvania and now she has not enough left to supply, without extreme effort the modest demands of a small town like Morgantown. Similar experiences are multiplied all over the State. In many localities pipe line companies have made it impossible for local people to secure gas at reasonable or moderate cost. There are communities right in the heart of our gas fields which must pay the high prices charged in Pittsburgh, Cleveland and other distant cities and then must put up with a scant supply."

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GOOD PRICE FOR COAL LAND

Washington-Greene Tract of 217 Acres Sells at \$115.

An important sale of coal lands was reported yesterday from Washington, Pa., through G. Y. Dawson of Charleroi, to William Rutherford of Charleroi, Armor Craven and Dr. Larimer of Scenery Hill, and Ely G. Bailey of Carmichael, who purchased 217 acres of what is known as the Morris town ship plot, held by the defunct Farmers & Drovers National Bank at about \$115 an acre. The coal is of a similar quality to that being operated by the Pittsburgh Buffalo Company and other operations in Washington and Greene counties, in which the property is located.

The property is not to be operated at once, but it is convenient to rail road transportation, adjoining the Washington & Waynesburg road and shafts are being sunk within a few miles into the same vein.

A NEW SYSTEM FOR THE B. & O. SIGNALMEN

Districts Will Be Shortened and Additional Men Employed Owing to Added Block Signals.

Owing to the extensive installation of block signals on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad during the last year it has been found necessary to reorganize the signal maintenance forces on various divisions of the road by shortening the districts and the employment of additional men. Hurto is in the new in charge of the signal maintenance on the Pittsburgh, Cambria and Connellsville, New Castle, Chicago and Wheeling divisions of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad have reported to the master carpenter.

This practice will be discontinued and signal supervisors appointed who will report to and receive instructions from the division engineers. Those engaged in the maintenance of signal appliances including lampmen will report to the signal superintendents in the future instead of to the master carpenters as under the old agreement.

In addition to these changes G. P. Putnam, the signal engineer, will have monthly meetings of his staff at headquarters in Baltimore. These meetings will be attended by signal supervisors and inspectors and all questions concerning signal standards, methods of construction and maintenance will be fully discussed in order to obtain the greatest practical benefit through the interchange of opinion. It is believed that these monthly meetings will result in more economical and higher efficiency maintenance as well as increased efficiency in the performance of the signal appliances.

MINE INSPECTORS FAVOR THE FLAMELESS POWDER

Their Decision May Have Bearing on the Fechner-Lewis Dispute

Twenty one State mine inspectors, with James E. Hodenick chief of the State Bureau of Mines Wednesday, at a conference held in Pittsburgh unanimously endorsed the use of the new flameless powders in mines. This may have a bearing on the dispute between District President Francis Fechner and National President T. J. Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America who were in convention yesterday with the operators trying to settle the strike caused in this district by the dispute over the explosives to be used.

The mine inspectors declared that if mine disasters such as have happened in the mines of this State are to be eliminated that one of the best safeguards to secure such a result is the introduction and use of such explosives as have been tested by the United States Geological Survey, operating in Pittsburgh.

To afford better protection to workmen and to the operators property we urgently recommend the use of said explosives in all mines generating explosive gas and in dry and dusty mines and we recommend that competent shot firers be employed that all holes be stemmed with non-combustible material and that all blasts be fired by electric batteries. We ask the hearty cooperation of the operators, mine officials and miners in the introduction of permissible explosives to the end that safer conditions may be secured for all persons employed in the mines.

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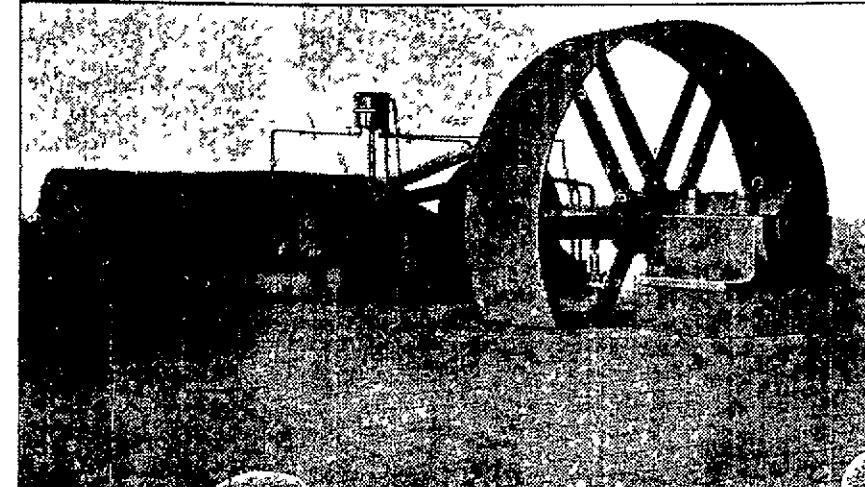
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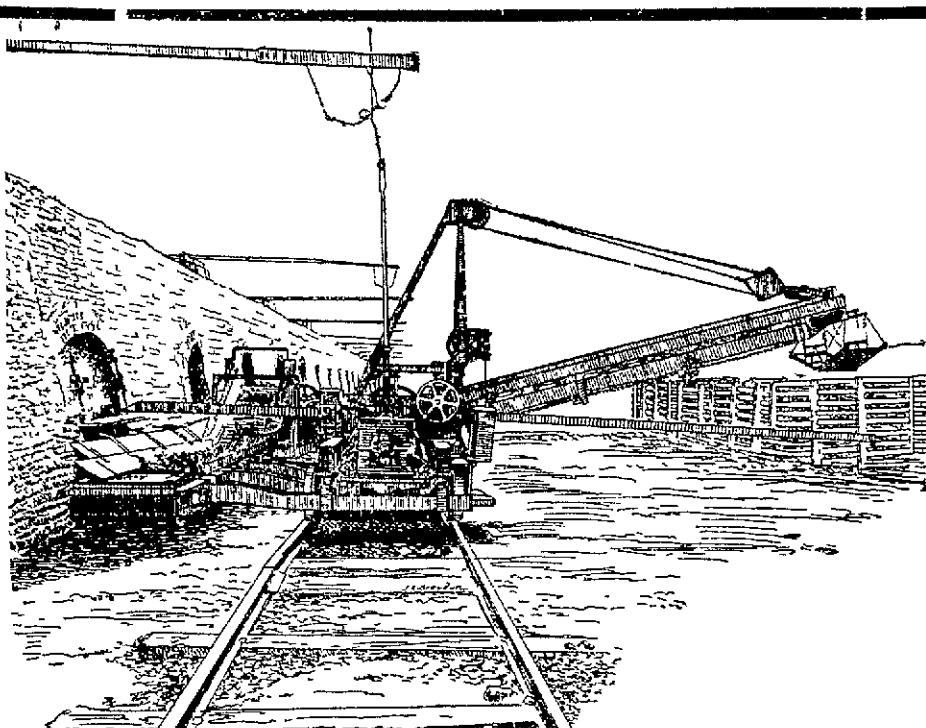
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